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1. REGARDING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTTEL, FOLLOWING MISSION BRIEFINGS AND MEMCONS HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH CODEL SCHEUER. AFTER DEPARTMENT OBTAINS CLEARANCE, WILL DEPARTMENT PREPARE MEMCONS IN FINAL FORM OR SHOULD EMBASSY DO SO?

2. THIS TELEGRAM CONTAINS MEMCONS SUMMARIZING GENERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS ON ZAIRE BY MISSION PERSONNEL.

3. MEMCONS OF THE NINE SESSIONS ON POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTER TO WHICH AN EMBASSY REPORTING OFFICER ACCOMPANIED THE CODEL WILL BE SENT SEPTELS.

4. BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO MET WITH CODEL WILL ALSO BE SENT SEPTTEL.

5. THE CODEL RECEIVED FOUR GENERAL BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS. THE FIRST, BY POLITICAL OFFICER HARLAN ROBINSON, TOOK PLACE AT NOON ON OCTOBER 8, 1976, AND DEALT WITH:

- KING LEOPOLD'S RAPE OF THE CONGO FREE STATE;
- THE PECULIAR BELGIAN CONVICTION THAT SUBSTANTIAL SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COULD SUBSTITUTE FOR POLITICAL CHANGE;
- THE PRECIPITOUS TRANSITION TO INDEPENDENCE FOLLOWING THE

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LEOPOLDVILLE RIOTS;

- THE MUTINY OF THE FORCE PUBLIQUE;
- THE KATANGA SECESSION;
- THE KWILU AND EASTERN ZAIRE REBELLIONS;
- A COMPARISON OF THE REGIMES HEADED BY NYERERE, KENYATTA, AND MOBUTU;
- PAST US POLICIES TOWARD ZAIRE; AND
- ZAIRE'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD ISRAEL.

THE SECOND BRIEFING, BY USIS DIRECTOR JAMES CONLEY, ZAMISH DIRECTOR COLONEL JOHN GERACI, ACTING AID DIRECTOR WILLIAM GARVEY, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR CLAY NETTLES, AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE OLLIE ELLISON, TOOK PLACE AT 0800 ON OCTOBER 9, 1976, AND COVERED:

- THE CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION IN ZAIRE;
- THE PARIS ACCORD DEBT RESCHEDULING AGREEMENT;
- GOZ BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS;
- US ACTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE ECONOMIC CRISIS IN ZAIRE;
- US BUSINESS INTERESTS IN ZAIRE;
- PAST US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE;
- CURRENT SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION CONCERNING ZAIRE;
- PAST ROLE OF USAID IN ZAIRE;
- THE CURRENT NORTH SHABA MAIZE PROJECT IN ZAIRE;
- OTHER CURRENT AND FUTURE PROGRAMS OF AID IN ZAIRE;
- THE CURRENT ROLE OF USIS IN ZAIRE;
- THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM OPERATED BY USIS IN ZAIRE; AND
- THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF US POLICY IN ZAIRE.

THE THIRD BRIEFING, BY POLITICAL COUNSELOR ERNEST GRIGG, TOOK PLACE AT 1830 ON OCTOBER 10, 1976, AND FOCUSED ON:

- THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT;
- THE GOZ'S FOREIGN POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AS EXPLAINED BY FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA AT THE COLOMBO NON-ALLIGNED SUMMIT MEETING IN AUGUST;
- BILATERAL US-ZAIRIAN RELATIONS;
- THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S TWO VISITS TO ZAIRE;
- ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN BILATERAL RELATIONS; AND
- ZAIRIAN POLICY REGARDING SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS AND THE RECENT INITIATIVES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER.

THE FINAL BRIEFING, BY RICHARD AND JOY DODSON OF AID, WHICH TOOK PLACE AT 0800 ON OCTOBER 11, 1976, CONCENTRATED ON:
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- HEALTH FACILITIES DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD;
- THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN EXPANDING HEALTH FACILITIES DURING THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE PERIOD;
- THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COLONIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CHURCH IN PROVIDING HEALTH SERVICES DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD;
- THE HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEM AFTER INDEPENDENCE;
- THE EFFECTS OF ZAIRIANIZATION AND RADICALIZATION ON THE CHURCH AND ON THE SYSTEM OF HEALTH DELIVERY;

-- THE CURRENT STATUS OF HEALTH DELIVERY SERVICES IN ZAIRE; AND
-- THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE EXPANSION OF MCH/FAMILY PLANNING
PROGRAMS IN THE RURAL AREAS, THE OBSTACLES TO SUCH EXPANSION, AND
THE MODALITIES BEST SUITED TO SUCH EXPANSION.
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